(c) & (d) As per the employment & Unemployment survey conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation during 1999-2000, growth rate of employment opportunities on usual status basis was around 0.98% per annum as against 1.03% per annum growth rate of labour force.

Target for employment opportunities

†411. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government for generation of employment opportunities during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) what target was set by Government regarding generation of employment opportunities as a result of these steps; and

(c) the number of persons who have got employment so far?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) Government is targeting creation of around 5 crore employment opportunities during the Tenth Five Year Plan Period. Out of these, around 3 crore employment opportunities will come from normal growth process and remaining 2 crore through special employment generation programmes. The approach to Tenth Plan focusses on providing gainful high quality employment to the addition to the labour force and it is listed as one of the monitorable objectives for the Tenth Plan and beyond. The growth strategy of 10th Plan has laid emphasis on rapid growth of those sectors, which are likely to create high quality employment opportunities and deal with the policy constraints, which discourage growth of employment. Particular attention has been paid to the policy environment influencing a wide range of economic activities, which have a large employment potential.

(c) Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation. Last such survey was conducted during 1999-2000. Therefore, reliable stimates beyond 2000 are not available.

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